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DIARY NOTES

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12 October 1964

1. At the Executive Committee Meeting this morning Mr. Kirkpatrick announced that General Carter will go to [REDACTED] the end of the week and that anyone having any business on [REDACTED] of which they wish General Carter to be aware should guide themselves accordingly. (I asked Bob Bannerman to arrange to get on his calendar so that he and Larry Houston could bring General Carter up to date on our [REDACTED])

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2. I asked Larry Houston whether the President had signed our early retirement bill. He said, "No, but according to the White House the President has until 17 November and they are not concerned." 

3. I talked to Mr. Kirkpatrick about several things.

a. I showed Kirk the letter which I had received from the Military Intelligence Reserve Society of New York and sought his guidance on whether we should accept this invitation. He said that he thought he would receive general policy guidance on the whole question of addressing outside groups within a day or two and that he would let me know then so that I could answer this letter.

b. I inquired about the status of the JMWAVE housing paper. He said that General Carter has the paper and that he would try to shake it loose before General Carter leaves for [REDACTED] this week.

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c. I also inquired about the status of the paper which I submitted before going on leave which would establish the policy that all Support positions in the Agency would be staffed by the Support Career Services. He thought that this problem had all been settled but said that he would dig out the paper. He thought that General Carter might have it.

d. I reminded him that nothing had been done yet about the paper which we submitted last spring on procurement. He undertook to talk to General Carter about this also before the latter leaves on his trip.

4. I buzzed [REDACTED] to tell him that I thought our paper of March 1964 regarding expansion of the JOT Program protected him if his acceptance of JOT's would cause him to be over the ceiling established for Fiscal Year 1965. (I asked [REDACTED] to show Tom the pertinent paragraphs of this memorandum.)

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5. [REDACTED] telephoned to say that he had received my disapproval of his request to locate the [REDACTED]. He said that he appreciated very much my handwritten note leaving the question open should the Office of Operations want to pursue it further but said that after careful consideration they had decided not to press the matter further at this time.

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6. With Alan Warfield and [REDACTED] I inspected the buildings on the [REDACTED] property, part of the twenty-six acres we acquired by condemnation proceedings. It was obvious that it would cost much more than they are worth to put these structures in usable condition, and I therefore approved of Alan's recommendation that we advise the General Services Administration that the house and other buildings are surplus to our needs and request disposal action. While on this tour we looked at the boundary of all the property which we had acquired by condemnation proceedings, and I asked [REDACTED] to give me a rough estimate of the cost of erecting a farm-type boundary fence along the entire border. We also looked at the area near the West Parking Lot which we will get from the Bureau of Public Roads for a 1,000-car parking lot in exchange for moving out of the Matomic Building. The Bureau of Public Roads has agreed to give us a use permit for this property, and I asked Alan and [REDACTED] to make sure that the boundaries were as we desired and if possible to squeeze out enough space for construction of a helicopter pad.

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7. [REDACTED] was in to discuss several items.

a. [REDACTED] reported that General Starbird, Director of the Defense Communications Agency, and his Deputy, General Sampson, are coming over Wednesday, 14 October, to discuss the management of the National Communications System. [REDACTED] had no further details but will report to me after the meeting.

b. [REDACTED] reported that he had been in touch with [REDACTED] and that, while Bill Crockett, Deputy Under Secretary of State for Administration, has not said anything to Jack since my meeting with the former last week, Dwight Porter has talked to Jack. Dwight believes that the Department of State should recruit from within for this job and should not be dependent upon and beholden to another Government agency for its top communications personnel. [REDACTED] suggested Brigadier General Baer, a retired officer, for their consideration. [REDACTED] and I agreed that it would be inappropriate for Mr. Kirkpatrick to send the letter which he had proposed to write to Bill Crockett since Bill and I have so recently discussed the question.

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c. [REDACTED] brought me a brief memorandum and a tape which our [REDACTED] station made. While on a search mission the monitor accidentally intercepted a conversation between McGeorge Bundy on the President's plane and probably Bromley Smith on the ground. This shows very poor communications security. I said that I would mention it to the Director to see if he wanted further details, which I am sure he will.

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8. At the Executive Committee Meeting this morning [REDACTED] advised us that on Friday, 9 October, the Director had approved of the employment of Dick Bissell for approximately two weeks to work on certain high-level NSA matters. (I asked Emmett Echols to contact Tom without delay to ensure that the proper employee-employer relationship is established. If Dick is being employed on a consultant contract, there will be no problem. If he will receive additional compensation, however, some special contract will be necessary. Emmett telephoned later to say that at Tom's request he was drawing up a contract at the grade GS-18 level. I told him to bring it to me after it is written so that I can take it to the front office and get somebody to put a "chop" on it.)

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9. Matt Baird called to talk further about the [REDACTED] case. He was very disappointed that we are not going to ask for [REDACTED] resignation or to recommend termination. I told him that, if he felt strongly enough about this to submit a formal recommendation, I would send it forward but that I felt 99 percent sure General Carter would not approve it. He chose not to submit a formal recommendation. Later I briefed Mr. Kirkpatrick on this case and on my discussion of it with General Carter. I told Kirk that as a result of this discussion I intended to instruct Emmett Echols to find some other place for [REDACTED] not in or in support of the Clandestine Services. He was inclined to disagree with General Carter on this question and asked me not to take final action until he has had a chance to talk to General Carter about it.

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